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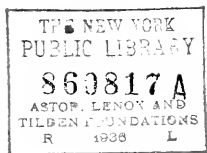
A Genealogical & Historical Sketch

TOGETHER WITH
ARTICLES CONCERNING THE LIFE OF
WARDWELL AMES



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THE ALLYN FAMILY GENEALOGY



FIRST GENERATION

EDWARD ALLYN, *Lord High Sheriff of London, England*, in 1620, the Coat of Arms being conferred upon him that year.

SECOND GENERATION

ROBERT ALLYN, son of EDWARD ALLYN, born in 1608, lived in *Salem, Massachusetts*, in 1637, had three children, JOHN, SARAH, MARY; lived later in *New London* and still later in *Norwich* then called *New Norrige*. He returned later to *New London*, and died there in 1683.

THIRD GENERATION

JOHN ALLYN, only son of ROBERT ALLYN, married in 1668 ELIZABETH GAGER. He returned to his father's home and built a house and warehouse at the place now known as *Allyns Point, Connecticut*.

FOURTH GENERATION

ROBERT ALLYN, son of JOHN ALLYN, was living in *Led Yard* in 1696.

FIFTH GENERATION

ROBERT ALLYN, son of ROBERT ALLYN, was born January 25, 1698, and died April 6, 1760. He had married ABAGAIL AVERY, born 1707. She died in 1786.

SIXTH GENERATION

The children of ROBERT, born 1698, were ABAGAIL, ROBERT, born 1728, died 1811; ELIZABETH, PARK, PRUDENCE, NATHAN, JACOB, SIMEON, TIMOTHY. ROBERT, born 1728, married HANNAH GALLUP, born 1732. Their children were:

SEVENTH GENERATION

ROBERT, born 1756, HANNAH, born 1758, ABAGAIL, BEN, ADAM, FREDERIC, ESTHER, LUTHER, WEALTHA, JOSEPH and TABITHA. ROBERT ALLYN married NANCY JEFFERS. Their children were:

EIGHTH GENERATION

NANCY, ROBERT, MARIA, FRANK (who copied the Coat of Arms) and ELIZA.

ROBERT ALLYN, born 1756; married for his second wife REBECCA MUFFARD. Their children were:

ABBEY (who married LEWIS JAMES and was drowned in *Lake Huron* in 1865, when the *Pewabic* collided

with the Meteor), FREDERIC, CORNELIA, REBECCA (who married DWIGHT JANES).

HANNAH ALLYN, born 1758; died 1846; married PAUL SHEFFIELD, born 1761 and died 1836. Their children were:

HANNAH SHEFFIELD, born December 20, 1790, died 1878; FREDERIC, born July 6, 1793, died 1875; TABITHA, born May 9, 1796, died February 16, 1872; HANNAH, born 1790, married LUTHER FILLMORE, born March 7, 1784. His first wife was NANCY FORD, who left three children.

NINTH GENERATION

KNEELAND, MARIA and JOSEPH. The children of LUTHER and HANNAH FILLMORE were SUSAN, born January 26, 1821, died 1904; HANNAH, born August 2, 1822; died February 4, 1908; JANE, February 28, 1824; EMELINE, September 26, 1826; LUTHER, July 28, 1828, and FRANK, May 23, 1830. LUTHER, the only surviving member of this family, died January 19, 1916. HANNAH, born 1822, married LUCIUS STRONG in 1840. Their children were:

TENTH GENERATION

BYRON, born January 19, 1841; HELEN, born November 24, 1846; CLARA, born September 8, 1852;

HARRIET, born November 18, 1855. BYRON STRONG died April, 1877. HELEN married COMAN C. AMES October 17, 1868. CLARA married WARDWELL AMES April 4, 1872.



CHURCH AT OSWEGO, NEW YORK, WHERE WARDWELL AMES
AND CLARA STRONG WERE MARRIED

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THE ALLYN COAT OF ARMS



THE Allyn Coat of Arms without the canton was borne by Edward Allyn, Esq., who was Lord High Sheriff of London under King James the first.

The description of the Allyn Coat of Arms was procured by Captain Joseph Skinner, who was in command of a brig belonging to Hollander Allyn in 1803.

DESCRIPTION OF ARMS

Party per fesse, gules and sable, a chevron rompu between three griffins' heads erased, ermine on a canton argent, a cross potent between four crosses patté.

EXPLANATION

Party per fesse, when the escutcheon is divided by a line. Gules and sables, red and black. Chevron rompu when a chevron on an escutcheon is broken or with an opening in the middle. Three griffins' heads erased (fabulous animals erased) turned or hidden in its place. Canton, an ordinary consisting of two lines, one perpendicular from chief and one from side of escutcheon. Cross potent, a cross, the ends of which, resemble the top of a crutch. Argent the white field in heraldry. Patté a cross between four crosses.

WARDWELL AMES



IN the appended pages is given a brief sketch of the more active periods of his life, consisting of expressions of the congregation of Pilgrim Congregational Church, and its Pastor, Reverend Alexander Milne, spoken at the time of his death, the correspondence leading up to the giving of the splendid building erected in his memory, comments of the press and the dedicatory services at its completion.

REV. ALEXANDER MILNE spoke as follows:

“Wardwell Ames,” or “Ward” as he was familiarly called and always wrote his name, was born in Oswego, New York, on December 6, 1846, died at Duluth, Minn., March 21, 1910. He was educated at the famous old Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass.

His grandmother Ames had been a most devout Christian and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father and mother had been connected with the same church in their early life, but on account of the very strict rules of the church concerning amusements, forbidding checkers and such games, they allowed their membership to lapse.

Ward was the third of five children. They came to maturity without any definite church connection. The oldest sister identified herself with the Protestant Episcopal Church. For a while Ward accompanied her to the services and was generally considered an Episcopalian, but he never joined that communion.

Not until some time after he was married did he become a church member. It was a time of great anxiety when his wife was critically ill and her life despaired of that Mr. Ames determined to become a member of the church. He and Mrs. Ames united with the Congregational Church of Oswego in 1875.

Although he was very young he was soon prominent. He was made church treasurer. He accepted on one condition, that the minister's salary should be paid on the first of every month, in advance. His resignation was ready when that could not be done. The times were hard after the financial collapse of 1873 and the church was in debt, but under his leadership the church expenses were met promptly and the debt paid.

In 1881 Mr. Ames went to Fargo, North Dakota, and engaged in business. On the organization of the First Congregational Church of Fargo, he and Mrs. Ames became charter members. He was a poor man, but he subscribed one hundred dollars towards the

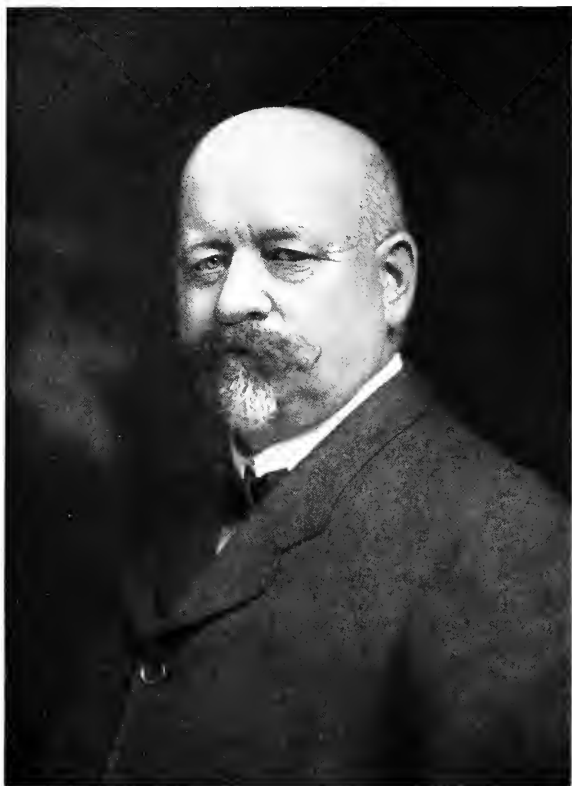
new church, and was called to account by his firm for the extravagance of his gift.

In 1886 he came to Duluth and at once identified himself with Pilgrim Church. What his life has been in this church and city every one in the church knows. A more devoted and faithful member no church ever had. He was interested in and most generous to all good enterprises, the Bethel, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the hospitals; but next to his family this church was the apple of his eye, the darling of his heart. He was the model churchman, spiritually minded in a most eminent degree, a man with whom religion was the standard and inspiration of his daily life.

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CLARA STRONG AMES, 1913



WARDWELL AMES, 1907

In Memoriam

FOR nearly twenty-three years he was a member of this church, to which he gave the most faithful and loving service, unsparing alike of his time and of his means, and in the general, religious and philanthropic work of the city he was a leader upon whom his fellow workers had learned to rely for counsel and encouragement.

As a citizen and man of affairs he commanded universal respect and honor. He was "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," and in him the highest ideals of Christian citizenship found abundant expression.

His favorite salutation of "neighbor" may truly furnish the key to those qualities of mind and heart which endeared him to an unusually wide circle of friends, many of whom have personally felt his helpfulness.

MEMORIAL TO WARD AMES, SR.



LETTER TO WATSON S. MOORE, *President of the Young Men's Christian Association:*

We desire through your organization to do something which we hope will help in Duluth to perpetuate the memory of one of its citizens who believed in its future and who unceasingly lent his aid to every project for the upbuilding of the city, who aided every enterprise which made Duluth a better place in which to live, and who was especially interested in helping our boys toward a wider and better citizenship. In gratitude and appreciation of the man who gave us our business training and who taught us, we hope, to see civic responsibilities with a somewhat wider vision, we desire to present to the Y. M. C. A. and the city of Duluth, a boys' Y. M. C. A. building, dedicated to the best ideals of service to the boys of our city and in memory of that citizen of Duluth whom, we hope and believe, all who knew him did esteem, Ward Ames, Sr. We leave it to the discretion of your officers as to location and general plans, only asking that careful thought be given to making this of the widest possible service to the boys of Duluth, and that it be

so administered and conducted as to reach them on the broadest and most helpful plane.

Yours truly,

JULIUS BARNES,

WARD AMES, JR.

August, 1915

THE DULUTH NEWS TRIBUNE speaking of this building, in its editorial columns of September 29, 1916, said: "Duluth has a lot of things in which it can justly take pride. It has many factors in city life in which it excels. It has pioneered in many lines where other cities have followed.

"But in none of its possessions has it more cause for pride than in having the largest, most complete and most modern building in the United States wholly devoted to a boys' department of the Y. M. C. A.

"It is a memorial to Ward Ames, Sr., who in his life gave to this work, to the Y. M. C. A., and to every movement for the good of Duluth so much of himself. Head of the greatest grain house in America, he was never so busy that he could not leave his office to do work for the good of the city.

"His good deeds were as many as his days and his goodness and wisdom bettered and strengthened not only this, his home city, but all who came within his broad but quiet, unobtrusive influence. If ever a man

lived whose memory should be cherished by his fellow-men of Duluth, it was Ward Ames.

"It is then a source of great public pride that Duluth not only has this splendid home for its boys, but that it is so worthy a memorial of so splendid a character. It was built by his son, the now Ward Ames, and Julius H. Barnes, who entered his office when a boy to become a partner and who is now head of the company."

DEDICATION OF
THE AMES MEMORIAL BUILDING

At the Dedicatory Services of the Boys' Building, on Sunday afternoon, November 12th, Mr. W. J. McCabe, Chairman of the Boys' Department Committee, presided; Rev. C. N. Pace read the Scripture Lesson; Rev. W. W. Lawrence offered the Dedicatory Prayer; Rev. C. N. Thorp delivered the Dedicatory Address, and short addresses were given by Watson S. Moore, the President of the Association and by W. L. Smithies, B. C. Wade and Albert Baldwin.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS BY
REV. CHARLES THORP

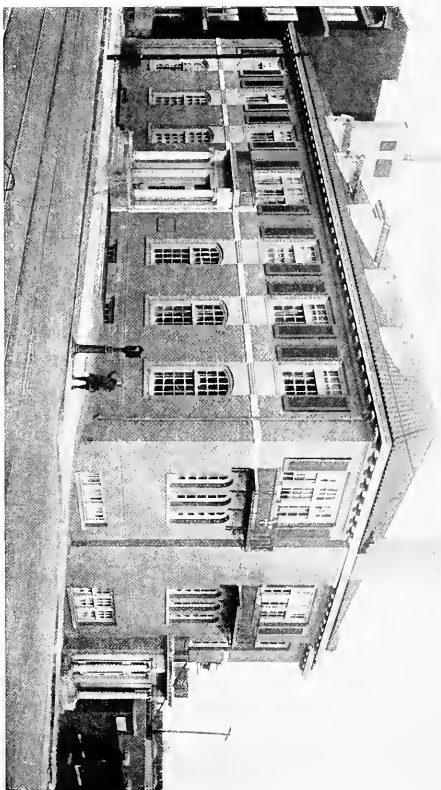
The magnificent building which we dedicate today is a free gift to the boys of Duluth. It bears the honored name of a big-hearted citizen, familiarly known as "Neighbor" Ames. Mr. Ames was a fine illustration of neighborliness. His friendship was a gracious influence and he threw himself heartily into philanthropic and religious movements. He was planning toward a new home for the boys' department when he was called to his reward. Wishing to perpetuate his influence, his son and his partner, in true public spirit, have erected this building. It is a monument to the neighborly spirit. The supreme need of the world is more of that spirit.

It seems but yesterday that Europe was in peace and prosperity. Today it is a vast battlefield and house of mourning. Internationally men have forgotten how to be neighbors. The deepest hatred is not in the trenches; it is in London and Berlin, New York and Duluth. All over the world must be bred a generation of men, big enough to view the world as a vast neighborhood demanding the spirit of neighborliness between all nations. America with her variegated population, gathered from every race, is under peculiar responsibility to teach all nations the spirit of brotherhood.

For are we not bound together, like a great household by a common origin, mutual interests and a blessed heritage as children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ? The business world is in an unsettled condition simply from lack of the neighborly spirit. Big business often forgets the interests of employees; employees are inclined to lay plans without consulting the interests of the business. The public suffers. Many go hungry when there is bread enough to spare because we have as yet recognized so little the human principle of neighborliness in business. In the church there is a growing spirit of neighborliness. We are coming closer together in Christian unity and coöperation. Larger things will be achieved by Christians as in their religious work they learn to be good neighbors.

Many years ago a lad was lost in a great city. There was no boys' department to shelter him; he was in great peril. His parents were terribly anxious. Finally they located him in the big church talking with the ministers. In reply to his mother's gentle rebuke, he said: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" That boy grew to be the greatest leader this world has ever known. He taught men by precept and example that the most important business of the Heavenly Father is the training of men and women

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IN MEMORY OF
WARD AMES
A FRIEND OF BOYS

CONFIDENT THAT AN ACTIVE WHOLESOME
BOYHOOD LEADS TO EFFICIENT MANHOOD

THIS BUILDING IS GIVEN TO THE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

FOR THE USE OF BOYS BY
JULIUS H. BARNES
WARD AMES, JR.

A.D. 1916

MEMORIAL TABLET TO WARD AMES

to be true neighbors, friends, sharing their best with each other. The world is slowly but surely learning that life's true aim is not to be served but to serve, not to save selfishly but to share generously. Jesus gave his life for others.

The aim of this boys' department is the transforming of boys into trained, joyous, strong-willed, pure-minded neighbors, good to live with, citizens plus, and that aim finds its inspiration and guidance in Jesus Christ. I appeal to the boys to whom this building is entrusted. Respect and train your bodies for efficiency. Think wholesome, manly thoughts. Be sincere. The manly boy makes the manly neighbor. Your will is one of your big assets. Loafing weakens the will; hard tasks toughen it. Do not creep around the edges and pick out the easy things to do. Keep your promises sacredly; society is built on fidelity. Keep your own secret resolutions, for God is the silent witness. The world needs powerful neighbors, men who can endure hardness. Neighbors are people who have mastered the art of living happily together. It is a rare and wonderful art. This department makes much of teamwork. It invites you to play the game hard and to play fair. Get hold somewhere and boost. Just give yourself, get close to the other fellow, learn to give and take, and in this new building and at the camp you

will master the art of team-work, and go out into the world to become a leader.

In all this training of body and mind and will, you will need a leader and model. The leaders in this boys' work get their ideal and power from the life and comradeship of Jesus Christ. He is leading the world into the neighbor-spirit. We will help you get free from selfishness and will develop in you the spirit of love and helpfulness and friendship. I am glad that His name, which is above every other name, is linked with this work and with this building. For He alone is able to make strong and permanent in our lives the impulses that make for neighborliness; the sacrifice and service without which all our highly wrought modern life would quickly tumble into chaos.

We fully believe that you, to whom this beautiful building with all its fine equipment is being entrusted, will so use its opportunities that forth from this place for many years shall stream generation after generation of strong, clean, social, Christian young men, who shall devote their lives to true neighborliness. For this, I take it, is the purpose of the large investment represented in this building.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY

ALBERT BALDWIN

In an address delivered before the American Bar Association a few years ago, the speaker used a striking figure in illustration. He said: "Robinson Crusoe, on his lonely island, was not forced to obey the will or rule of any other man or men, but his exile, deprived of all the blessings of living with his kind, was not liberty, but wretched slavery. The instinct of man to live with his fellows is subject to the condition that each must do his part of the work that is necessary for the life, comfort, and happiness of all." To a remarkable degree this condition of citizenship was fulfilled in the life and character of Mr. Ward Ames, in whose memory this building is today dedicated for the use of the boys of this city.

Men are sitting before me who, in years past, have frequently sat about a conference table with Mr. Ames as ways and means were considered for financing some religious, benevolent or civic institution of the city, and all will bear witness that never did he advocate a plan of campaign or suggest a list of names of those to be canvassed for funds, when he was not willing himself to get under the heavy end of the burden and do more than he would ask of another.

It was not that he loved the inevitable drudgery of such solicitation; not alone because he possessed a peculiarly affable method of approaching men that was well-nigh irresistible, that he entered into such matters, but, firmly implanted in his loving and lovable character was an enthusiastic, broad-minded, discriminating devotion to the cause of humanity; a fine sense of his own individual responsibility; an abiding conviction that he who would draw the keenest satisfaction and the sweetest joy from life must share his blessings with others less fortunate. So it was that he gave of his time, of his money, of his thought and judgment, and, most of all, of himself to the causes which sought to provide for men and women, boys and girls, of limited opportunity, environments that would inspire self-respect, without which the spirit is crushed and ambition for lives of usefulness is supplanted by hopeless despair.

I am conscious that nothing that I can say will add force to the silent, but eloquent, testimony that day by day, and year by year comes before this community from the many religious and benevolent and civic institutions of the city, bearing witness to the fact that his counsels were wise, his judgments sound, and his labors a thousandfold effective.

Beneath the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral lie the

remains of Sir Christopher Wren, the great architect whose mind conceived that imposing structure, as well as many other of the most notable edifices of London. Above the choir a tablet bears this inscription: "Beneath is laid the builder of this church and city, who lived above ninety years, not for himself, but for the public good. Reader, if thou seekest his monument, look about you." I am persuaded that if we would to-day seek the monument of him whom we rejoice to honor on this occasion, we shall see it, not in bronze tablet or in marble shaft; not in costly civic charitable or religious buildings; not indeed in this magnificently equipped structure erected as a memorial to his name by a devoted son and an admiring business associate. But we may look about us, and on all sides we shall see it in the institutional life of this city. We shall see it in the broadening activities of the Young Men's Christian Association and of the Young Women's Christian Association. We shall see it in the beneficent influences radiating from the Children's Home, from the Bethel, from the Bethel Home, and from the Associated Charities. We shall see it in the vitalizing power of the church he loved and for which he labored with deep devotion. Especially shall we see it, a living monument, enshrined in the hearts of the generous donors of this building, whose sentiments in large measure were

moulded by an intimate filial and business association with him through the formative years of life, when example breathes a language that words cannot express; when the impact of positive character leaves an impress more lasting than that of precept.

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